

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL NO. _____
v.	:	DATE FILED: _____
THERESA PINKETT	:	VIOLATIONS: 18 U.S.C. § 1951 (obstruction of commerce by extortion under color of official right - 1 count)

INFORMATION

COUNT ONE

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES THAT:

1. From at least in or about 2001 to at least in or about 2003, defendant THERESA PINKETT was a Constituent Services Representative for Philadelphia City Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller, responsible for helping constituents in Councilwoman Reed Miller's district resolve problems they had relating to City government, find the correct people in the City who could help the constituents, and get answers to the constituents' questions.

2. From in or about 2001 to in or about 2003, as part of her responsibilities as Constituent Services Representative, defendant THERESA PINKETT provided assistance to a person known to the United States Attorney on real estate issues with properties located in the City of Philadelphia, by identifying the City of Philadelphia employees who could assist with those issues and by contacting the City of Philadelphia employees on behalf of the person known to the United States Attorney.

3. From at least in or about September 2006 through at least in or about December 2006, defendant THERESA PINKETT was a Community Specialist, in the Community Affairs Division, for the City of Philadelphia Controller's Office, which Division, according to the Controller's Office official website, is responsible for focusing on the needs of each community in Philadelphia, working to correct any problems that arise, and helping City residents "with strategies to solve problems by cutting the red tape that elongates the bureaucratic process."

4. From in or about September 2006 through in or about December 2006, as part of her responsibilities as Community Specialist, defendant THERESA PINKETT provided assistance to a person known to the United States Attorney on real estate issues with properties located in the City of Philadelphia, by meeting with the person known to the United States Attorney and discussing the real estate issues, by identifying the City of Philadelphia employees who could assist with those issues, and by arranging and participating in a meeting with a City of Philadelphia employee to resolve a real estate issue.

5. From in or about 2001 to in or about 2003, and from in or about September 2006 through in or about December 2006, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, defendant

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obstructed, delayed and affected commerce, and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce, and attempted to do so, by extortion, in that defendant THERESA PINKETT obtained and attempted to obtain property, that is, approximately \$5,000 in cash and a cell phone during the period from 2001 to 2003, and \$1,200 in cash during the period from September 2006

through December 2006, from a person known to the United States Attorney, with the consent of a person known to the United States Attorney, under color of official right, for her assistance to a person known to the United States Attorney on real estate issues with properties located in the City of Philadelphia.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a).

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY